



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR OCTOBER 14, 2008**



DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2008
TIME: 5:06 p.m.
PLACE: Room 391, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501____

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Bhaani Singh, Vice-Chairperson Jordan Flores,
Hannah Bowman, Lamont Carter, Ilya Pinsky, Anjuli Sastry, Angela Sterling-Vick

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 9, 2008, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C **Bowman / Sastry** (Unanimously approved)

“That the Minutes of September 9, 2008 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. New Business

A. Candidates Forum (Discussion / Action)

Commissioner Flores stated that he went to the first planning meeting but it was canceled at the last minute. Commissioner Flores also stated he left his name, phone number, and e-mail address for future planning dates and times but had no response by Alternatives-In-Actions (AIA/Home Project) who is planning the Candidates Forum. Chairperson Singh, and Commissioner Sastry also called AIA, left phone messages and received no response. RC Wong reminded the Commissioners to make sure to keep ARPD informed of what is going on via phone, cc on e-mails, etc. RC Wong also stated that he received a post card invitation of the event and wondered if the event was still on.

Commissioner Sterling-Vick stated the event will still be held.

NO ACTION taken.

B. Reduction of Vehicle Trips at Schools (Discussion / Action)

RS Russi stated that Councilmember Matarrese requested that the Youth Commission develop some ideas, suggestions, and solutions on how to reduce vehicle traffic around schools. RS Russi stated programs like Walk and Roll to schools is one way of reducing traffic, changing behaviors, better for the environment, and is healthy. RS Russi suggested looking into the new bike lane by Lincoln Middle School and see if there was a change in traffic pattern, and an increase in bike use. Also possibly collaborate with the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Carter asked which schools would the Commission focus on? RS Russi stated that the Youth Commission will make that decision. Commissioner Flores stated that AC Transit buses are not reliable because they run late. He also suggested more Spare the Air days. Commissioner Sastry would like to see more Drop Off locations, promote group walking, and have a public meeting for input. Commissioner Pinsky and Carter doing a survey. Commissioner Pinsky will Chair the subcommittee on establishing a priority list to reduce vehicle traffic. He will meet/contact RS Russi and discuss the details.

M/S/C Pinsky / Bowman (Unanimously approved)

“That the Youth Commission explore reducing vehicle trips / traffic at High Schools to begin with and possibly expand to other schools in future if needed”.

C. November Commission Meeting, Date Change due to Veterans Day (Action)

M/S/C Vice-Chair Flores / Carter (Unanimously approved)

“That the Tuesday, November 11th Youth Commission meeting be moved to Monday, November 3rd due to the Veterans Day Holiday. It will be at the same time, location to determined pending availability of City Hall or ARPD”.

6. UNFINISHED BUSSINESS

A. Teen Needs Assessment Survey - (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Pinsky compiled and tabulate the survey results. With 161 surveyed, 75% of those surveyed wanted a college fair. Commissioner Pinsky will need to continue on refining the data and results. Power point presentation will be at the next meeting. The Youth Commission will decide on their next step after reviewing the results.

B. Youth Advisory Commission Website - (Discussion / Action Item)

RC Wong stated after speaking to Melissa Jones, Development Services, who oversees the www.alamedayouth.org website of Alameda Collaborative, she was willing to include the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission information and web-link on their site. Currently Youth Advisory Commission has a website through the City of Alameda. Updates/information/and format changes can be requested by the Youth Commission. Commissioner Pinsky suggested that the Commission review the site and provide a response / comments at the next meeting.

“That the Youth Advisory Commission continue use of website through the City of Alameda web domain, and continue to update the site on continuous basis”.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

A. Commissioner Sastry announced that Jeff Cambrey has completed the documentary on the formation of the Youth Advisory Commission, which can be seen on the following website: www.alamedacurrents.com . The documentary has interviews from Youth Commissioners, staff, and other organizations who assisted in establishing a Youth Advisory Commission.

B. Invitation to the Youth Commission by RC Wong to the AYC 5th Annual Teen Haunted House. The event and scenes was create by Alameda middle and high school clubs. Last years 250+ teen volunteers resulted in 2,500 hours of community service hours.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Monday, November 3, 2008; 5:00 PM (City Hall or ARPD)

9. Adjournment

6:42 PM